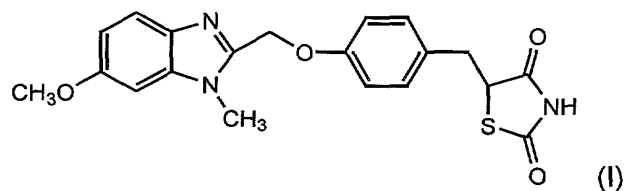


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention concerns the hydrochloride of the compound (5-[4-(6-methoxy-1-methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-ylmethoxy)benzyl]thiazolidin-2,4-dione) of the following structure (I) which exhibits an excellent hypoglycemic activity and the like.



Said hydrochloride is useful when administered to patients for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of diabetes mellitus, hyperglycemia, impaired glucose tolerance and the like.